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WILL DISCUSS SABBATH LAW

Several Preachers to Take Up Idlewood Matter in Sunday Sermons.

MANY PASTORS GOING AWAY

A Number of Pulpits to Be Supplied by Visitors—Subjects of Sermons.

The Rev. R. M. Maxey, the pastor, will preach at both services at Union Station Methodist Church to-morrow. The evening sermon will be a reply to the opinion, as published in the daily papers, of Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith, concerning the opening of the "amusements" at Idlewood on Sunday afternoons.

The Rev. J. A. Thomas will occupy his pulpit at Laurel Street Methodist Church at 8 P. M. to-morrow, his theme being "A Holiday on a Holy Day." The Rev. L. B. Betty, of Park Place Methodist Church, will preach the annual sermon before the Woman's Missionary Societies at the morning service.

The regular services will be held in Randolph Street Baptist Church to-morrow, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Robertson, preaching at both hours. As this is the last Sunday before his vacation, the pastor will be glad to welcome all his friends.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services at Broad Street Methodist Church to-morrow. The Sunday school will open at 9:30 A. M. At 11 A. M. services will be conducted by the Rev. R. J. Williamson, D. D., and at 8:15 P. M. by the Rev. C. T. Williamson.

The Rev. B. Cabell Hening will preach at both services at the First Baptist Church to-morrow, the Rev. George W. McDaniel being out of the city.

At Park Place Methodist Church the Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of Laurel Street Methodist Church, will preach at the morning service. The Rev. L. B. Betty will take for his subject at 8 P. M. "The Triumph of Christ, Our Temptation and His Lesson."

Services will be held at the usual hours at Fairmount Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. A. T. King, preaching in the morning on "The Prayer-Life of Christ," and in the evening on "Life's Supreme Question."

At Broad Street Memorial Baptist Church the pastor, Rev. E. L. Grace, will preach at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. During the month of August the pulpit will be supplied by Dr. J. William Jones.

The Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., of Columbia, E. C., who has been so long absent, will preach for the Grace Street Presbyterian congregation during Dr. Wither's absence, will again occupy the pulpit to-morrow, and preach both morning and night.

Rev. F. W. Troy, Jr., of Newport News, Va., will preach in the morning and night in West End Christian Church, on Morris Street, between Main and Floyd Avenues.

The Rev. Hugh W. Sublett, pastor of Fairmount Christian Church, will preach at both services, his evening subject being "The Dignity of Christ." The Sunday-school opens at 9:30 A. M., and the Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7 P. M.

The programme of the Salvation Army includes open-air meeting at 10:30 A. M. on Church Street, Oregon Hill; a large meeting at Reservoir at 3:30 P. M., and a big salvation meeting in hall at 8 P. M. Mrs. Fowler will give a talk on "Sixteen Years of Salvation Warfare." Everybody is invited.

The regular services will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. The pastor, Rev. E. W. Stone, will have for the subject of his sermons "Seeing Jesus" and "The Uplifting of the World."

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. O. Ross, of the Baltimore Conference, will preach at Centenary Methodist Church in the morning, and Rev. L. B. Betty, of Park Place Church, will preach at night.

At the First Presbyterian Church the Rev. Dr. F. T. McFadden will preach at 11 A. M. There will be no service at night.

The regular services of First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in Belvidere Hall, corner Belvidere and Main Streets.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Funeral This Afternoon of Mrs. Isabella B. Gary, Oldest Resident.

HONOR BROTHER'S MEMORY

Meeting of the Council in August Will Settle Question as to Who Will Be Next President.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch. No. 1111 Hull Street. Mrs. Isabella B. Gary, the oldest resident of the city, died Thursday night at the residence of her son, Mr. George B. Gary, 1106 Porter Street. She had been in feeble health for some time, but almost to the very last moment her mental faculties were clear, and she conversed with those around her.

While her death was expected at any time, her passing came suddenly, about 9 o'clock, and her life went out like the snuffing of a candle.

Mrs. Gary was in the eighty-eighth year of her age, and was born in the county of Middlesex in 1818. She came to Manchester when a girl, and a few years afterwards married a late Patrick H. Gary, who was extensively connected in his day with the manufacture of tobacco in Manchester, the firm being P. H. & A. Gary, and the factory being located at Sixth and Bainbridge Streets.

For twenty-three years she had been a member of the Methodist Church in Manchester, having joined the Old Plank Church, which formerly stood on the corner of Tenth and Perry Streets, and which was the mother church of all the Methodist churches in the vicinity of Manchester. She outlived all the other members of the Old Plank Church, and her death was a great loss to the church.

The deceased was the mother of Messrs. Wyndham E. and Irvin B. Gary, of Henderson, N. C.; George E. Gary, of the firm of Augustine Royall & Co.; Mrs. H. B. DuVal, Mrs. Ellen Buell and Mrs. Cornelia Leonard, of Manchester. She is survived by twenty-seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mrs. John L. Walker and Mrs. J. E. Redford, of Manchester, being among her grandchildren.

In the death of Mrs. Gary there passes away one who was dearly beloved in the community in which she so long lived, and the severing of a link that connected the present with the past.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Central Methodist Church. The pall-bearers will be: Judge John H. Ingram and Messrs. Augustine Royall, W. Bronaugh, R. D. Walker, W. H. Washington and Dr. Merchant.

Brother Eagles Act.

The body of Mr. Walter Malone, of Portsmouth, was interred in Maury Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The deceased was a member of the Brotherhood of Eagles, and was the brother of Mrs. P. E. Bradshaw and Mrs. Archie Davidson and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, of Manchester. The funeral was conducted from the home of Mrs. Smith at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Malone was a prominent member of the Order of Eagles and was a member of the local lodge, No. 1, of Portsmouth. Messrs. Holland and O'Connor accompanied the body here. The Manchester Aerle appointed the following pall-bearers: Mr. A. J. Moore, H. A. Maurice, T. H. Smith, J. B. Moore, J. F. Vaughan and C. L. Pettit. Rev. E. W. Baily and Rev. J. J. Flx officiated at the funeral.

J. D. Reams is Ahead.

The last meeting of the present City Council will be held on the second Friday night in August, and at this time it is believed that a caucus will be held for the purpose of selecting a new body. There are only two new members to be seated. Mr. M. A. Campbell succeeds Mr. C. L. Pettit in the Second Ward, and Mr. L. John S. Wakefield, now president of the body. Mr. Wakefield was defeated by one vote. Of great interest to all of the electors at this time is the question of electing a president to succeed Mr. Wakefield. Vice-President J. D. Reams is an avowed candidate for the position, and it appears as though he will be elected. But he will have opposition from Mr. Campbell, whose friends are rallying to his support, and who now claim that they will have a good record to show. Mr. Reams has been vice-president for several years and is a good parliamentarian. The only opposition to him is said to be because he is a Republican. The first Ward, which ward sent the other presiding officer to the Assembly.

John Latham Better.

Mr. John Latham, son of Mr. L. M. Latham, of Manchester, who was killed by lightning last night, is using a telephone in Alexandria a few weeks ago, is now able to walk about, and will return to his work near Alexandria. He suffers from a slight paralysis of the right arm, but the physician attending him says that he will be all right within the next week. Instead of returning to Manchester and resting for a while, he will go to work, and in this way recover from the ill effects of the shock. The friends of the young man in the city are very glad to learn that he is improving.

Carnival Closes To-Night.

The Hampton Carnival Company will close in Manchester to-night. Four shows have been run through the week, and there has been a free exhibition. The crowd in attendance last night was small, and those who saw the show were rather disappointed. The carnival is not up to the standard set by the other ones that have been in the city. It is, in fact, a disappointment to the people who were interested in bringing it here.

Personal and Briefs.

Mrs. W. E. Grant, of Swansboro, who was taken sick while at West Point Thursday, was somewhat improved yesterday.

The Cowardin Avenue Christian Church Sunday school excursion to West Point yesterday proved to be an enjoyable trip for many Manchesterites, and the school went down and enjoyed themselves.

Mr. R. M. Shipp will leave this week for Atlantic City to spend several weeks.

Mr. J. R. Starnes, who had his foot mangled by the locomotive Works, in Richmond, some weeks ago, is yet unable to leave his home in Oak Grove.

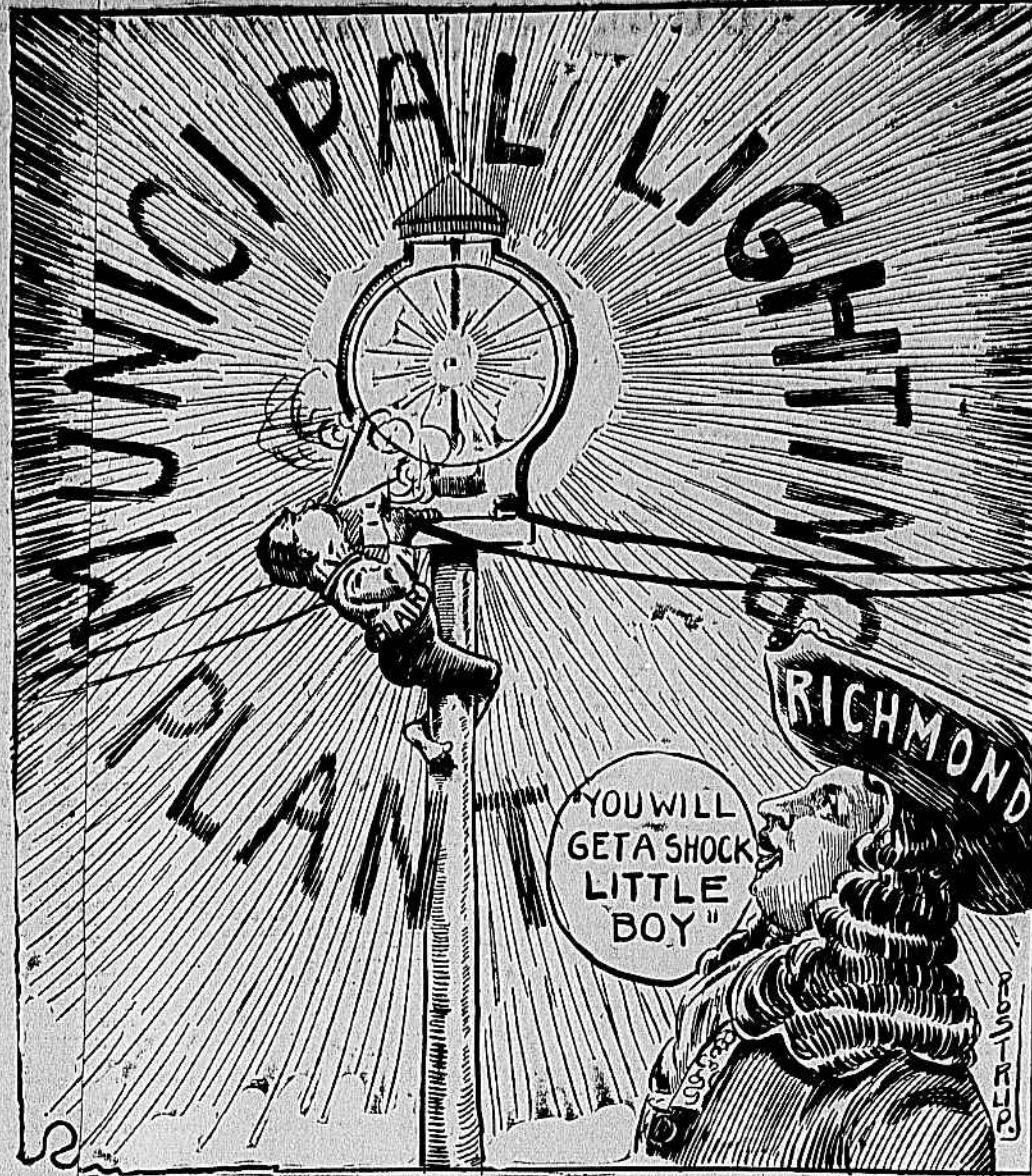
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hines and their two children, a visiting Mrs. Hines's sister, Mrs. H. A. Maurice, of Eleventh and Perry Streets.

Mrs. W. F. Rudd has returned to her home at 120 Cowardin Avenue, after having undergone an operation at the Virginia Hospital.

Mr. B. F. Hamilton returned yesterday from Lynchburg, where he spent a week on business.

The Swansboro Anti-Saloon League met in West End Methodist Church last night and transacted routine business.

All members of Joseph E. Johnson Camp, Confederate Veterans, are requested to send in their names to Mrs. J. M. Gregory, secretary of the Confederate Daughters Association, in order that they may receive crosses of honor.



CAN HE BLOW IT OUT?

RATES COMPARED WITH NEW RATES

Tedious Sessions of the State Corporation Commission's Court of Inquiry.

RATES AND PROPOSED RATES

Baseball Bats, Playing Cards and "Dog Biscuit" Under Vigorous Discussion.

The State Corporation Commission met in the hall of the House of Delegates at 11 o'clock yesterday morning to further hear the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company's reasons for not wishing to adopt the rate and classification sheets proposed by the commission. Before proceeding with the testimony, Judge Crump read the decision of the commission, declaring the Churchman two-cent mileage act unconstitutional.

Major E. D. Hotchkiss, general freight agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio, who acted as the witness, was asked by the commission to explain the reasons for the company's refusal to accept the proposed rates. He stated that the company's rates were based on a long and tedious examination of the various commodities, and that the proposed rates were not in accordance with the company's costs.

All of the morning session was taken up with consideration of these comparative statements made by Major Hotchkiss in his exhibits filed when he was first put on the stand. The object of counsel for the Commonwealth was to show that the Chesapeake and Ohio rates, as they are now, are not altogether as just and reasonable as Mr. Hotchkiss thinks they are. The long and tedious examination was apparently very interesting to the lawyers and to the witnesses, but it was rather tiresome and boring to other people.

Lawyers Lock Horns.

The dull monotony of long answers following long questions was frequently broken and outlived by lively little spats between counsel and technical points raised.

The afternoon session did not vary in any particular from the proceedings of the morning session. It was said a long and tedious examination of the various commodities, and the discussion being between Counselor Braxton and Witness Hotchkiss.

The various questions and answers may have been very interesting and informing to the commissioners, but in the main they were meaningless to a layman.

Baseball Bats, Etc.

For instance the witness was asked if he had ever known playing cards, baseball bats and "dog biscuits" to be shipped in car-load lots between Richmond and Covington. The object of these and similar questions was to show that the railway people have made comparison of rates and classifications on a basis that is not sound, in that they have compared car-load rates on commodities that are never shipped in car-load lots.

Major Hotchkiss was asked if it was not a fact that many of the articles named in exhibit 26 were never shipped in car-load lots, and answering in the affirmative he was asked why he selected car-load rates instead of less than car-load rates or "any quantity" rates for comparison.

The reply was that in making the comparisons he followed strictly the classification and rate sheets just as he found them. With some emphasis Major Hotchkiss said the sole object of the comparison was to show that on very few articles the freight rates between Richmond and Covington would be higher under the proposed commission rates than under the present rate and classification sheets of the Chesapeake and Ohio road.

He contended that his comparative statement, filed as an exhibit, showed that fact. The drift of the tedious examination was to show that the witness had compared the Chesapeake and Ohio car-load rates with the commission's proposed less than car-load rates and was, therefore, unfair. Incidentally the Common-

wealth undertook to show that the Chesapeake and Ohio rates to White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia were less than the rates to Covington and Allegheny, stations in Virginia and nearer to Richmond. Indeed the fact was brought out that on some articles the Covington or Allegheny shipper could get a more favorable rate from Richmond by having his goods billed to White Sulphur and reshipped to Covington or Allegheny.

The long and tedious examination all of yesterday was entirely along these lines.

The Present Outlook.

At 5 o'clock the commission adjourned to 11 o'clock Monday morning, when Major Hotchkiss will again take the witness stand.

According to the best information the end of the hearing is not yet in sight. Mr. Braxton yesterday expressed the opinion that it will not be completed this side of January. Mr. Hotchkiss said several more witnesses to put on the stand, and one of them, Mr. Sullivan, the auditor of the Chesapeake and Ohio road, will probably occupy the witness chair for at least a month.

Mr. Stuart, of the commission, expressed the opinion that the hearings will be completed about the middle of the autumn.

PLUMBERS' STRIKE.

Case of H. H. Johnson Continued.

In the Police Court yesterday the case of H. H. Johnson, arrested on Thursday on the charge of working as a plumber without a license, was continued until next week.

There was no important development yesterday in the strike situation. The change in the union men's position was making their position steadily stronger while the striking union men express themselves very hopefully as to the ultimate success of their strike.

A member of the union's press committee assured The Times-Dispatch yesterday that only six men had been brought here from other cities, and that only three of these remained.

"There is a demand in other cities," he continued, "for our men at better prices than we ask here, but will the people of Richmond have strangers brought here from other cities and trust them in their homes, and see our native-born citizens pushed out because we ask for wages that will meet the increased cost of living?"

FORMER RICHMOND MAN GIVEN THE APPOINTMENT

The Helena (Mont.) Daily Record says: There was a change in the management of the local Postal Telegraph office today, W. A. Fraser, who for a number of years has been manager, being succeeded by Mr. A. L. Kenney, formerly of Richmond, Va. Mr. Fraser has accepted a position with the Union Bank and Trust Company, while Mr. Kenney, who succeeds him, was employed as an operator in the office since December, 1905.

The change came practically without warning. Mr. Fraser having been offered his new position only last Friday. Upon the announcement of its acceptance, Fraser was telegraphed to by Mr. S. Hawk, at Salt Lake, made the appointment of Mr. Kenney by telegraph.

Sunday Music at Forest Hill.

"In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," "The Bells of Remick's Hills Medley," to be played to-morrow afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock by Corrado's Band in Forest Hill Park.

The other selections in the programme include "The Little Commodore March," "Hearts and Flowers," "Zampa," overture, "Flying Arrow," Intermezzo, "Nearer My God to Thee," grand selections, "Carmen," "Loveland," waltzes, "Palmetto," Mexican Serenade, and "George Washington March."

All next week Professor Corrado will render new and popular dance music for the free dancing every afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock in the pavilion in Westhampton Park. Every night next week the band will render new selections in Forest Hill Park from 8:30 to 10:30.

A SEVERE STORM VISITS THE CITY

Lightning Strikes Gas Pipes in Bromm's Bakery and Starts a Blaze.

TELEPHONES OUT OF ORDER

Heavy Rain Descends from Low-Hanging Clouds—High Wind Precedes Downpour.

A southwest wind, blowing at the maximum speed of twenty-eight miles per hour, brought a storm from the west-northwest yesterday afternoon, and after a display of lightning, the rain descended in torrents, beginning at 1:02 o'clock.

Between 1:15 and 1:45 o'clock the precipitation amounted to 25 of an inch in twenty-five minutes. Altogether .54 of an inch fell. After the first downpour, the wind lessened considerably.

The clouds were very low, and the worst part of the lightning was in the bottom strata. At 1:30 o'clock a very brilliant flash was seen followed by a tremendous crash of thunder. Shortly after an alarm of fire was sent in from box 128, and engines 6 and 10, with truck, responded.

The lightning had struck Bromm's bakery, at Broad and Henry Streets, and started a slight blaze, which was soon put out by turning off the gas supply. The pipes, however, had been wrenched in the storm and the gas ignited. No one was hurt, and the small damage was covered by insurance.

The storm passed off in an east-south-easterly direction. There have been five instances in July, between 1888 and 1905, inclusive, where the amount of rain in Richmond has been over an inch in an hour or less, showing that yesterday's storm was not exceedingly heavy for July.

The lightning, however, was one of the severest of the year, and many telephones had their fuses burnt out. The central office, a low rear as the storm was of lengthy duration. An electric feed wire at Eleventh and Broad was reported burnt out. A peculiar accident happened on the fourth floor of the City Hall. A ball of lightning ran into a wire of a room, and connected with a wire cord of a hanging picture. The wire broke and the picture fell, but no other injury occurred.

MAJOR SHARP LEAVES.

Major William Sharp, who succeeded the building of Idlewood for Jake Wells, and who has managed the resort all season, left yesterday afternoon for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he will be superintendent and manager of the new Wells Theatre.

Major Sharp is an old, experienced amusement manager. He built Ponce de Leon in Atlanta, one of the most successful parks in the country, and came from that city to Richmond last January. He has made of Idlewood one of the prettiest parks in the South, and has made many friends here, who hate to see him go.

Major Sharp is a very peculiar old character. He seems to be crazy on one thing, that is, he likes to see a horse run. He has a horse named "Old Chief" that he goes down and jumps into the river, and then he had to send an officer after him to prevent him from being killed.

Two Men Injured.

One is Struck by Derrick and Other Butts Rock. A derrick fell at the Crick aliyards yesterday morning, causing the injury of two negroes who were standing beneath it. Sidney Dickson was hit in the head, and he was taken to the hospital. The other man, James W. White, was struck by one of the butts of the derrick, and he was taken to the hospital. The ambulance was called, and Dr. Huggins took the two men to the hospital. Dr. Huggins' check and eighteen in White's scalp.

Secure New Quarters.

Thaw & Grant, who now occupy the building No. 100 East Main Street, have leased the large store building at No. 121 East Main Street, formerly occupied by T. T. Cary as an insurance office. The building will be renovated and put into good condition for the firm. The firm has secured a long lease on the new property.

Casino Bill Closes.

With matinee this afternoon and performance to-night, the Casino bill for the week will close. Another fine bill is in preparation for next week.

Buy Crown Dairy Lunch.

Mr. Herbert H. Petty, formerly of Carriage, N. C., has purchased from Mr. Dan Welch the Crown Dairy Lunch at Eighth and Broad Streets. He takes charge at once.

COUNCIL WILL NOT BE DELAYED

The Electric Light Ordinance to Be Considered Before New Body Comes In.

ALDERMAN BLAIR AGAINST IT

Vain Attempt Made to Break Quorum and Keep Ordinance in Committee's Hands.

The Common Council on the 6th of August—the last meeting of the present body—will have under consideration the ordinance introduced Thursday night by Mr. White, of Madison Ward, looking to the building of an electric light plant and the operation of the same by the city.

It will require a two-thirds vote of the members—twenty-four—to pass the ordinance, for it carries with it a bond issue of something over two hundred thousand dollars. That the matter will be vigorously fought there is no doubt, and if it finally passes at this meeting, it will be only by a very close margin.

In the Board of Aldermen there may be a more suburban flight, made against the proposed measure, for in the upper branch Alderman A. Belroe Blair is working with all his might and main to defeat the measure, which means that the city of Richmond shall own its electric light plant.

Mr. Blair Opposes It.

Mr. Blair made a vain attempt to defeat the new ordinance in the Common Council Thursday night, or rather he worked with the end in view of breaking a quorum of the lower body, knowing that this would mean that the ordinance offered by Mr. White would therefore be in the Finance Committee's hands to remain, as it is now, dead. There were eighteen members present, although it is said that it was by mistake that two of them attended. And these eighteen members voted to accept the ordinance offered by Mr. White, a duplicate of the one before the Finance Committee, which has not acted—and in the same resolution there was a motion to lay the matter on the table for the time being. At the regular meeting on the 6th of August, the measure will be taken up, and it is confidently believed that it will pass.

New Men Favorable.

Twelve new members came into the Common Council before the September meeting. In the last election municipal ownership of the electric light plant was a campaign slogan, and the twelve are said to have been elected on this issue. Therefore, it is reasonable to suppose that they will favor the ordinance, and that if the present Council does not pass it, the incoming body will act promptly and favorably.

The introduction of the ordinance in the Council—the so-called meeting, Thursday night—was to offset the apparent move of the opponents of the measure to defeat it by delay. And this effort on the part of those opposed to the city owning the plant was demonstrated very clearly when the attempt was made to break the quorum of the body.

Alderman Dabney, who originally fathered the ordinance looking to the building of the plant, said yesterday that he wanted the ordinance to come to the body and to have a vote taken on it. He declared that the people of the city demanded the right to know where the members of the Council stood in the matter.

TO ELECT CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Yardley, Recently Chosen, Does Not Recognize Committee.

The Republican District Committee of the Third District will meet in room 16, Chamber of Commerce, on the 24 of August at noon for the purpose of organizing a new district chairman to succeed Mr. Miles M. Williams, who recently resigned.

Mr. Charles J. Yardley, who was elected by one committee to succeed Mr. Williams, now "repudiates" the committee electing him, and makes the following self-explanatory statement:

"I have observed that a meeting of the Republican District Committee was held, at which Mr. M. M. Williams resigned and I was elected as chairman."

"The committee which was not recognized as legal by the State organization, a fact that I did not know of at the time of my election."

"Mr. Williams has resigned as district chairman, for reasons best known to himself, but in the future both he and I will be found working hand in hand for the principles in which we have believed."

ASKS FOR LODGING.

Rather Quaint Negro Character at the First Police Station. Nathan Jones, an old white haired negro, walked into the First Police Station last night and said he wanted lodging. Chief Granger, who was on duty, asked him what he wanted, and he replied that he had stolen a hundred dollars, and he wanted to hide it.

"Will you do anything I tell you?" asked the Chief.

"All right, show him a little more, sergeant," said the Chief. "He is a very peculiar old character. He seems to be crazy on one thing, that is, he likes to see a horse run. He has a horse named 'Old Chief' that he goes down and jumps into the river, and then he had to send an officer after him to prevent him from being killed."

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